

THE HEARST FOLLOWERS WERE TRIUMPHANT

At the Alliance Convention---They Captured Everything in Sight---Foley Nominated Without Opposition for Congress.

Disgraceful Fight on the Floor of the Convention, Which Was Held in a Church---Editor Potts Knocked a Salem Man Down.

For Congress,

W. J. FOLEY.

National Delegates,

THOMAS McNAMARA,

RHODES I. GREGORY.

For Alternates,

THOMAS S. ARNOLD,

B. F. WEYBRECHT,

Presidential Elector,

JAMES A. RICE.

The Democratic congressional convention which met at Alliance was turbulent, scrappy and exciting. It resulted in a complete victory for the Hearst faction, the Parker followers losing every round. W. J. Foley, of East Palestine, who was the congressional nominee two years ago, was again placed upon the ticket, there being no opposition. The real fight was on the national delegates. The Stark county delegation wrangled for two hours over the question of proxies, the Parker people having quite a number which they wanted recognized. They had sufficient, it is claimed, to have turned the tide in their favor had all been admitted, but even this is denied by the exultant Hearst followers who came out of the fight flushed with victory.

A KNOCKDOWN FIGHT.

While the wrangling was going on in the convention, which was held in the Independent (Spiritualist) church, Editor Wilson S. Potts, of the Lisbon Patriot, got into a controversy with Attorney Charles F. Smith, of Salem. Smith had been nominated for national delegate and Potts's crowd was not supporting their own county man.

Potts went to Smith and told him that he was a Parker man which was the reason he was against him. Smith said he was not for Parker.

"You're a liar," yelled Potts, his face scarlet with anger.

"You're another," replied Smith, who was white to the lips.

Whack, went the big fist of Potts against the head of Smith, who fell like a log. The big, burly Potts jumped upon him, but a dozen delegates grabbed him and hauled him away, forcing him struggling to his seat.

Smith is a little man, hardly coming to the shoulders of his antagonist. He made no effort to fight back.

This disgraceful scene in the house of God created great excitement, and a few moments afterward a delegation of the churchmen came in and protested against such unseemly conduct. They sent word to the chair that they wanted things done decently and in order.

Potts settled down and from that time on was as meek as a lamb, though the carnage was a long time going out of his face.

TWO DELEGATIONS.

Columbiana county had her own fight. The caucus belli was two delegations from East Liverpool, J. C. Walsh and Edward Cook were at the head of a delegation that they claimed was the only regular one. There were six in the bunch. J. J. Weisand headed the other delegation. Neither would give up and when the matter was brought before the committee on credentials each side was given three of the six votes and harmony prevailed in that quarter.

Mr. McSwiggen of Washington township, kicked on the Columbiana county caucus. He said that he and five other delegates had come to Alliance the night before to be present at the caucus, but that the other fellows had gotten together without notifying them. He demanded that they hold another caucus and gained his point. Everything was ratified except the member of the credentials committee. A. T. Dennis was thrown off and O. J. Astry, ex-mayor of Salem, substituted. His selection resulted in the compromise in the East Liverpool delegation. McSwiggen was full of fire, although an old man. He afterwards introduced a resolution reaffirming the platforms of 1896 and 1900 and had it referred to the committee on resolutions. It was afterwards engrafted into the regular report, much to the old gentleman's delight.

WERE HILARIOUS.

The resolutions passed reaffirmed the platforms of the two Bryan campaigns, and when they were submitted the Hearst followers yelled themselves hoarse, while it was noticed that the Parker crowd were ominously silent.

One of the incidents of the notable gathering was the stirring up of the Hon. Thomas J. Duffy, who two years ago ran on the labor ticket. Cook, of East Liverpool, in the discussion over the rival delegations from that city, berated Duffy with the fact that he had left the party to run on the labor ticket.

THE NOMINEE



W. J. FOLEY.

Canton. Dr. M. M. Bauer, of Uniontown, was selected as chairman and Edward Diehl of Alliance was made secretary. The Massillon delegates had not yet arrived, but the meeting went on without them.

As soon as the chairman and secretary were selected by the caucus, then came the hitch on proxies. The Parker

et. Duffy got to his feet and for a few moments the sparks flew. He said that as an official of the labor organization he had been taken up and nominated by his fellow workmen and he stuck to them and would do so again. He said that he was a better Democrat for having done so.

"This convention cannot afford today to throw any slurs at the laboring classes," said he with some heat. This declaration brought out rounds of cheers.

STARK NOT PRESENT.

At 11 o'clock the Mahoning and Columbiana county delegations were in their places, but the Stark crowd had not yet appeared. The Mahoning fellows were anxious to get through so



JAMES A. RICE, PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR.

they could get home on the afternoon train. After waiting nearly an hour, those who were present began to do business. This gave an opportunity for Columbiana to do her little scuffling, which she proceeded to do. It was after 12 o'clock before the Stark crowd arrived upon the scene. It was decided to take no adjournment for dinner so as to get through, but later the delay in polling the Stark delegation on the delegate vote was so great that the train for Youngstown left before the work was near completed. As a result the Youngstown delegation is still in Alliance this morning waiting for the 9 o'clock train.

STARK'S CAUCUS.

The Stark county delegates met in caucus at 10 a. m. in the parlors of the Russell house. The caucus was called to order by Rhodes I. Gregory, of

ker men had gathered up several proxies from delegates who had been elected and could not be present. When the roll call of delegates was taken the proxies insisted on being counted as delegates. The Hearst men objected. R. T. Gregory got the floor and moved that no proxies be allowed. R. S. Shields said that it was the time-honored custom of the Democratic party in county, district, state and national conventions to recognize proxies. Milton Braucher produced a section of the Revised Statutes of Ohio to prove that it was a criminal offense in Ohio for a man to accept a proxy, punishable with a fine of not less than \$25. James D. Barry moved to amend the motion by striking out the word "no." John McGregor, who held a proxy, then put on the spread eagle. He said that he had been voting and working

for the Democratic ticket when the fellows who opposed proxies were yet in their

SWADDLING CLOTHES.

The remarks of some of the orators got quite personal and they had to be called down by the chairman. A vote was finally reached on Barry's amendment which resulted in 15 ayes and 35 nays. The amendment was lost and the original motion prevailed by a practically unanimous viva voce vote. When the proxies were knocked out, Barry tried to even up a little by knocking out the alternates, but the Hearst men had the caucus by a two to one vote and the alternates were allowed seats in the convention.

The question of proxies and alternates disposed of the caucus then got down to business by selecting the following members of the committees: Credentials, M. J. Braucher.

Rules and Order of Business, Calvin Seeman.

Permanent Organization, J. A. Bernower.

Resolutions, R. I. Gregory. W. F. Ream, of Greentown, was nominated for vice president of the convention, Ed M. Switzer for assistant secretary, and Milton J. Braucher and W. J. Piero were named by the caucus as the Stark county members of the 18th district congressional committee.

THE CONVENTION PROPER.

The congressional committee had selected A. J. Wolfe, of Youngstown, as temporary chairman and E. P. Spidel, of Hanoverton, as temporary secretary. Wolfe is a typical Jacksonian Democrat and makes a good presiding officer. He has a voice that could be heard over a ten acre field and when he takes hold of the gavel it's business from the start. He did not weary the convention with a long speech, but kindly thanked it for the honor conferred upon him and at once proceeded to business. He called for recommendations from the different counties in the various committees. The following were reported:

Columbiana county—Permanent organization, E. P. Spidel; rules and order of business, Dr. Shilling; credentials, O. J. Astry; resolutions, W. S. Potts.

Mahoning county—Permanent organization, W. P. Ratcliffe; rules and order of business, Geo. Edwards; credentials, A. W. Cramer; resolutions, Horace Smith.

Stark county—Permanent organization, J. A. Bernower; rules and order of business, Calvin Seeman; credentials, Milton J. Braucher; resolutions, Rhodes I. Gregory.

The convention then took a recess of 15 minutes to allow the committees to report.

THE REPORT.

The committee on credentials was the first to report. A. W. Cramer was the chairman. He reported that the delegations from Mahoning and Stark were all regular, but that in Columbiana there was a contest. East Liverpool had selected two sets of delegates. The committee recommended that both sets of 6 delegates be admitted and each set be given three votes. W. S. Potts said he hoped the convention would accept the committee's report. But this did not suit the contesting delegates. J. C. Walsh, of East Liverpool took the floor and said he wanted a whole seat or nothing. A lively discussion took place which was participated in by J. J. Wisner, A. T. Cook, of East Liverpool, T. J. Duffy, and W. J. Foley, the labor and Democratic candidates for congress two years ago. There were charges and counter charges made of some of the contestants not supporting the Democratic ticket. Ex-Mayor Moore, of Youngstown, got the floor and cut the thing short by moving the previous question. The report of the committee was then adopted.

George Edwards, chairman of the committee on rules and order of business reported the order of nominations.

The committee on permanent organization got through with its work in a hurry by making the temporary officers the permanent officers.

Horace Smith, of Mahoning, was chairman of the committee on resolutions. The resolutions which were adopted with a hurrah are as follows:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

We revere the memory of Thomas Jefferson, whose inspiration gave to the world its great charter of human liberty, the doctrines of independence, and whose wisdom added half a continent to the land he thus devoted to freedom, and we as Democrats declare our unalterable devotion to the principles by him enunciated, since so ably advocated by Jackson, Lincoln and Bryan.

We reaffirm our adhesion to the principles of government enunciated by the Democratic national platforms of 1896 and 1900, and we desire that those principles be applied to the living issues of today. We therefore instruct our delegates to the St. Louis convention to carry out the spirit of those platforms in the making of the national platform and the nominating of the national ticket for 1904.

(Signed)

W. S. POTTS,
R. I. GREGORY,
HORACE SMITH

Ex-Mayor Moore, of Youngstown, later introduced a supplementary resolution, which, though rather vague, looks like instructions to the delegates to vote for Joseph Folk, of St. Louis, for the presidential nominee or some other place upon the national ticket. The resolution, which was carried by a rather doubtful vote, was as follows:

"We commend the pure and heroic administration of Joseph Folk, district attorney of St. Louis. He has been faithful over few things and we deem him worthy to be made ruler over

many, and we believe that his name would be a tower of strength to the Democratic national ticket."

FIGHT FOR DELEGATES.

Nominations for delegates to the national convention were next in order. Hon. B. F. Weybrecht nominated Rhodes I. Gregory, of Canton; W. S. Spotts nominated Thomas S. Arnold of Leetonia; E. P. Spidel nominated Chas. F. Smith, of Salem, and ex-Mayor Moore nominated Thomas McNamara, of Youngstown. There were so many seconds to McNamara's nomination that Editor Kirby of Salem, moved to make it unanimous and it went through with a whirl. Mr. McNamara is said to be opposed to both Hearst and Parker. He favors Joseph W. Folk, the terror of the grafters in St. Louis.

W. J. Piero moved to nominate T. S. Arnold by acclamation for the other delegate, but it brought forth a storm of noes and the convention proceeded to nominate the second delegate by ballot.

The ballot for the second delegate was as follows:

Columbiana county—Arnold 42, Smith 16, Gregory 0.

Mahoning county—Arnold 14, Smith 14, Gregory 28.

Stark county—Arnold 15, Smith 1, Gregory 41.

Total—Arnold 53, Smith 31, Gregory 69.

There was no choice. Braucher then moved that Gregory be elected by acclamation and the motion was declared carried by the chair.

John Devine of Alliance, nominated Hon. B. F. Weybrecht and R. I. Gregory nominated T. S. Arnold for alternates. Both were elected by acclamation.

FOLEY NOMINATED.

J. A. Bernower nominated W. J. Foley for congress. He had no opposition and went through by acclamation.

On the presidential elector there was opposition. James A. Rice, of Canton, and Charles F. Smith, of Salem, were nominated. The vote was as follows:

Columbiana—Rice 7, Smith 33.

Mahoning—Rice 28, Smith 28.

Stark—Rice 47, Smith 2.

Total—Rice 72, Smith 63. Mr. Rice was declared the nominee for presidential elector.

Rhodes I. Gregory then introduced a resolution indorsing ex-Mayor Moore, of Youngstown, for one of the four delegates at large.

The new congressional committee for the 18th district will be as follows:

Columbiana county, Michael Miskell and Albert Burns.

Mahoning county, D. J. Murphy and Ezra C. Welch.

Stark county, Milton J. Braucher and W. J. Piero.

The congressional committee was empowered to fill all vacancies.

DEFEATED RUSSIANS

Still Fleeing from the Japanese.

Tokio, May 7.—(London Times.)—Further reports of encounters between the Japanese and the Russians since the general engagement of Sunday last have been received. *The latest of these describes a sharp engagement between a force of Japanese cavalry and Russian Cossacks. The Japanese were making a reconnaissance and met the Russian patrol on Tuesday last at Fang-Shan-Chong, twenty miles from Kiu-Leng-Cheng where the battle of Sunday last was fought.

The Russians retreated and the Japanese pursued, following the Cossacks to the Ku-Chem river, ten miles from the Russian position at Feng-Huang-Cheng.

From this incident, it is believed that the Russians are unable to rally eastward of Feng-Huang-Cheng and that they were completely broken up in the battle of Kiu-Leng-Cheng last Sunday.

MORE JAPS

Land on Liao-Tung Peninsula.

Tokio, May 6.—(London Times.)—The Japanese in some force landed yesterday on the Liao-Tung peninsula. There were no casualties.

The naval flotilla, preceding the troops landed the first body of men, who occupied a height. A general debarkation was indicated as a feat in the vicinity of the first landing while troops at another point waded ashore a distance of one thousand metres, the water being more than waist deep.

The landing operations were skillfully combined and were most successful. The Russian patrols were dispersed easily.

MURDER SUSPECT.

Arrested Charged With Complicity In Tragedy at Angelica.

Olean, N. Y., May 6.—A man giving his name as E. H. Dalley, was arrested here this afternoon on suspicion of knowing something of the Angelica double murder of last Tuesday night. He told several conflicting stories, first saying he had been in Angelica looking for work and afterward claiming that he came from Hornellsville and had not been in Angelica. He said he had a partner named Jack Clark but says he cannot tell where Clark is now or another man who was with them.

PROCTOR'S

THEATER IS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

A POLICEMAN'S BRAVERY

Stopped Panic and Saved Loss of Life.

New York, May 6.—Three alarms in rapid succession were turned in for a fire at Proctor's One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street theatre, on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street near Lexington avenue in Harlem, Manhattan borough. A performance was going on at the theatre when the alarms were turned in.

The fire in the theatre started in the top floor of the building which is used as a carpenter shop where scenery is built and repaired, the theatre being a stock company house. So far as can be learned at this time, the flames originated in several piles of shavings and quickly spread.

The smoke was discovered issuing from the windows of the top floor by Policeman W. J. McGowan of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station who proved himself the salvation of the great crowd in the auditorium, witnessing the performance in progress at the time he discovered the flames.

McGowan, immediately after he saw the smoke, turned in an alarm, and then a second one, but this was productive of little result, as the fire house, two doors from the theatre, was almost empty, all the apparatus except an old engine being farther down town engaged in fighting the fire in the Universal storage warehouse and Express company at Eighty-eighth street and Third avenue. The one engine responded, however, followed by other from the west side of Harlem.

McGowan then turned in a call for the reserves from the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station and then, alone, went into the theatre. By this time, the flames had worked down into the next floor below the carpenter shop and were rapidly spreading farther.

McGowan had the management quickly lower the asbestos curtain and he stopped an incipient panic among the audience which, with the help of the ushers and others of the theatre attaches, was got out in more or less orderly fashion.

Calls were turned in for ambulances from the nearby hospitals but they had nothing to do, as beyond a half dozen women fainting and being carried out to the street, no one was even slightly hurt. The surgeons restored the women who had fainted in the excitement and then returned to their hospitals.

The flames worked down through the other floors before there was enough fire apparatus arrived at the theatre to check the spread of the fire. Other calls for apparatus were turned in in rapid succession, some being called even from Brooklyn. The building at 11 o'clock is practically gutted and the loss will be heavy.

F. F. Proctor is the lessee of the theatre where he has had a stock company billed for more than a year and a half. A large quantity of scenery was stored in the building and this has all been destroyed. The extensive wardrobes of the company have also been lost.

Proctor's One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street theatre was formerly the Columbus theatre built by Oscar Hammerstein. After the latter gave it up, it passed into the hands of the late H. C. Miner who ran it as a vaudeville house.

BURNED TO DEATH

In Fire That Destroyed His Factory.

Jamestown, N. Y., May 6.—The furniture factory of Norquist & Lord was burned to the ground this afternoon, the fire originating in a dry kiln and spreading so rapidly that the employees did not have time even to put on their coats before leaving the building. One of the proprietors, A. P. Nord, cannot be found and there is little or no question that he was burned to death. It is feared that two or three employees also lost their lives.

Three dwelling houses in addition were burned and twelve dwelling houses on the opposite side of the Chadakoin river caught fire but were saved.

Nord was one of the most prominent Swedish citizen of this city. He was 50 years old and leaves a widow and two children. The loss to the factory is \$135,000.

Congregational Churches.

Ashtabula, May 5.—Congregationalists of Ohio will hold their annual convention here on May 17, 18 and 19. Two hundred delegates are expected to be present.

One Rich, Now Poor.

Marion, May 5.—Marcus Saley, of New York, formerly a millionaire here is now penniless and has been sent to the infirmary.

W. J. PIERO, CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.